THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Imports Policy for Registered Exporters Imports of almonds and other dry fruits has been permitted in the 1990—93 Policy against the export of apricot Kernels and walnut kernels up to 10 per cent of the FOB value of exports. Import of almonds continues to be permissible against licences granted to dealers engaged in the dry fruit trade and against Additional Licences issued to Export Houses/Trading Houses to 5 per cent within the overall value of such licences The policy for import of Almonds has been formulated *inter alia*, keeping in view the Record of Understanding between the Government of India and the Government of USA.

(c) Firm-wise import licensing data is not maintained. However, the particulars of all import licences are regularly published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences Export Licences and Industrial Licences" copies of which are made available in the Parliament Library.

Payment of Duty Draw Back on Exports

2680. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of 10 drugs which accounted for claiming maximum duty draw back in the descending order during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what was the duty draw back paid on each and on what inputs;

(c) what was the quantity of each drug exported during the last three years year-wise and what was the input for each drug on which duty draw back was claimed in terms of quantity and value;

(d) whether his Ministry has come across any irregularity in any of these cases; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof any action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) No such statistics are maintained in respect of individual drugs. Hence it is not possible to furnish this information,

(d) and (e) While fixing the rates of drawback on certain drugs, some cases of negative value addition i.e. where c.i.f. value of imports was more than f.o.b. value of exports came to our notice during September/October, 1989. These cases are under examination.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Bihar Fruit and Vegetable Development Corporation Limited, Patna and related papers

वस्त्र मंत्री, साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूं :

I. कम्पनी अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 619क की उपधारा (1) के अधीन निम्नलिखित मदों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) :—

(i) 1987-88 के वर्ष के लिए बिहार फ्रूट एंड वेजिटेबल डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड, पटना का आठवां वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन तथा लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखापरीक्षकों के प्रतिवेदन तथा इस पर भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक की टिप्पणियां सहित ।

(ii) उक्त प्रतिवेदन को स्वीकार करते हुए सरकार द्वारा विवरण।

II उपरोक्त वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन को सभा पटल पर रखने में हुए विलम्ब के

कारणों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) [पुस्तकालय में रखे गए I और II के लिए देखिए सं० एल०टी० 1397/90]

I. Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (9th July, 1988 to 30th June, 1989) of the National Housing Bank, Bombay and related papers

III. Statement reg. rejection of the Award of the Board of Arbitration under joint consultative Machinery scheme granting transport subsidy to non gazetted Central Government Employees.

IV. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi, for the year 1988-89, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-1368/90 for (i) and (ii)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the First Annual Report and Accounts of the National Housing Bank, Bombay, for the period from 9th July, 1988 to 30th June 1989, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts, under sub-section (5) of section 40 of the National Housing Bank Act, 1987.

[Placed in Library, See No. LT-1369/90]

III. Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding rejection of the Award of the Board of Arbitration under Joint Consultative Machinery Scheme (C.A. Reference No. 1 of 1988) granting a transport subsidy of Rs. 30/- per month to non-gazetted Central Government Employees.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-1970/90]

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 474(E), dated the 11th May, 1990, so as to provide concessional rate of excise duty at Rs. 60 per Kilolitre on raw naphtha and reformed naphtha (c. 5 Reformate) intended to be used in the manufacture of specified petrochemicals, in supersession of Notification No. 27/89-CE dated the 1st March, 1990.

(2) G.S.R. No. 486(E), dated the 16th May, 1990, so as to prescribe the effective rate of basic excise duty at 10 per cent on certain goods in supersession of the Notification of the Ministry of Finance No. 20/89-Central Excises dated the 1st March 1989.

(3) G.S.R. No. 487(E), dated the 16th May, 1990, amending Notifications Nos. 8/90-CE dated the 20th March, 1990 and 12/90-CE dated the 20th March, 1990, so as to (i) exempt molasses used in the manufacture of animal feed; (ii) prescribe effective rate of basic excise duty of Rs. 2/- per litre on Ice-Cream.

(4) G.S.R. No. 488(E), dated the 16th May, 1990, amending Notification No. 23/89-Central Excises dated the 1st March, 1989